foster Grandparents Program

What is the Foster Grandparent Program (FG)

The Foster Grandparent Program offers income eligible seniors, age 60 and older volunteer opportunities with stipends to serve friends, tutors, mentors, caregivers for children and youth with special and exceptional needs. They provide 20 hour of weekly service to community organizations such as schools, hospitals, day programs, Head Start and more.

How does FGP benefit communities

Foster grandparents offer emotional support, care, TLC and one to one relationship, and friendship to children who are disabled, are drug exposed, have learning problems, are not reading at their grade levels, who are at risk, etc.

Who operates the program locally?

The Department of Human Services receives a grant from the Corporation for National Service (CNS). The state provides matching funds. The operational guidelines are determined by the federal funding agency (CNS).

What organizations are eligible for FGP assistance?

Schools, institutions, hospitals, and most nonprofit child and youth oriented organization are eligible to serve as volunteer stations.

What benefits do Foster Grandparents receive?

Foster grandparents receive a modest tax-free stipend, reimbursement for transportation, meals during service or allowance, annual physical examinations and accident and liability insurance while on duty. In addition to these benefits, the program gives

participants the opportunity to share a lifetime of experience with youth and join the half million older Americans who are strengthening communities nationwide as members of the **National Senior Service Corps.**

Who can be a Foster Grandparent?

Foster grandparents must meet income eligibility requirements and be at least 60 years of age. Must be capable, with or without reasonable accommodation, of serving with exceptional or special needs without detriment to himself /herself or the children served. Must also agree to abide by all requirements of the program.

The income eligibility criteria effective April 1999: (income eligibility criteria is updated annually)

 Single person:
 \$12,815

 Couple:
 \$17,190

 Family of three:
 \$21,560

 Family of Four:
 \$25,935

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